

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present patent application are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks. Claims 19-20 and 27-42 are pending in the application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant notes with appreciation the indication on page 2 of the Office Action that claims 19 and 20 are allowed.

Applicant has cancelled all rejected claims. Therefore, the outstanding rejections are moot.

New claims 27-42 recite similar subject matter to claims 19 and 20. Accordingly, these claims should be allowable for similar reasons to the above-noted allowed claims.

CONCLUSION

All objections and rejections raised in the Office Action having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and such allowance is respectfully solicited. Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Mark E. Olds, Reg. No. 46,570, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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